



# Spiropyran-terthiophene Polymers as Multi-Stimuli-Responsive Platforms for Biochemical Interactions

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“Considerate la vostra semenza: fatti non foste per viver come bruti, ma per seguir virtute e canoscenza”.

“Consider well the seed that gave you birth: you were not made to live your lives as brutes, but to be followers of worth and knowledge”.

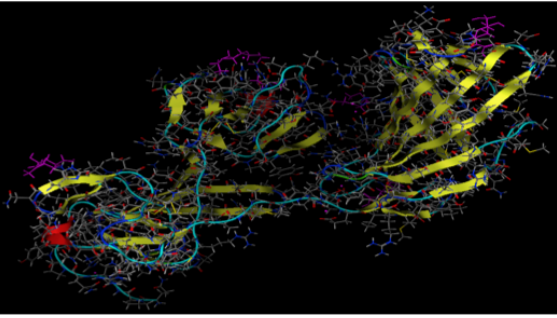
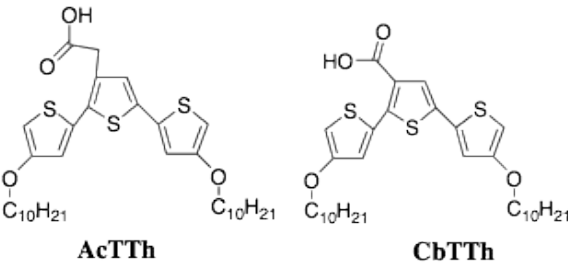
Dante Alighieri, Inferno, Canto XXVI, 118-120.

# Outline

- ☑ Introduction
- ☑ p-BSP2 Polymer: Synthesis and Properties
- ☑ Surface Properties
- ☑ AFM Cantilever Functionalisation
- ☑ p-BSP2 - FN interaction: Photochemical Control
- Conclusion and Remarks

# INTRODUCTION

## TTh & FN



**FN**

1974 Surface **Proteins** role described

1976 **FN** First evidences for role played in Cancer

1978 McDiarmid, Shirakawa and Heeger synthesised the first **CONDUCTING POLYMER**

1981 **FN** **Wound Healing** role described

1992-1997 Roncali's reviews on **p-TTh SYNTHESIS** strategies and electronic properties

2000-2010 **FN** Cell Proliferation studies for anti cancer therapy and **Tissue Regeneration**

2000-2005 Officer et al. studied new substituted **p-TTh**

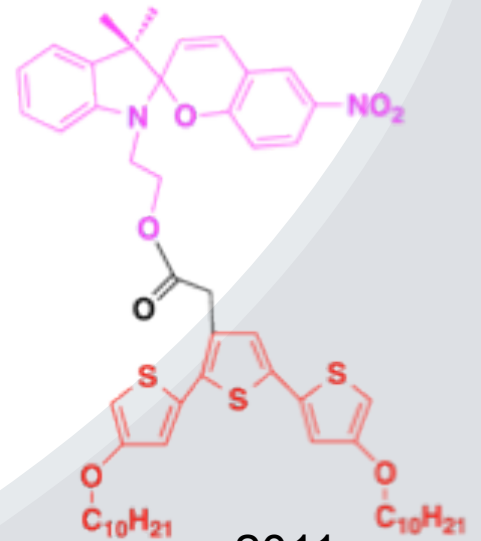
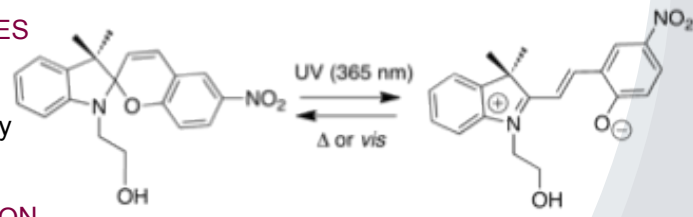
2008-2011 study of **Conducting Polymers** as platforms for tissue regeneration

1876 **PHOTOCHROMISM** first reported by FRITSCHÉ

1950 Fischer and Hirshberg studies on **SPIRODERIVATIVES**

1968 Flannery Jr. **TRANSIENT** study

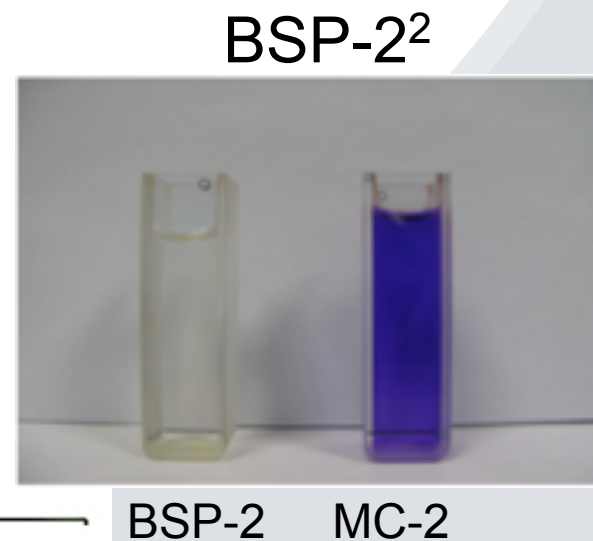
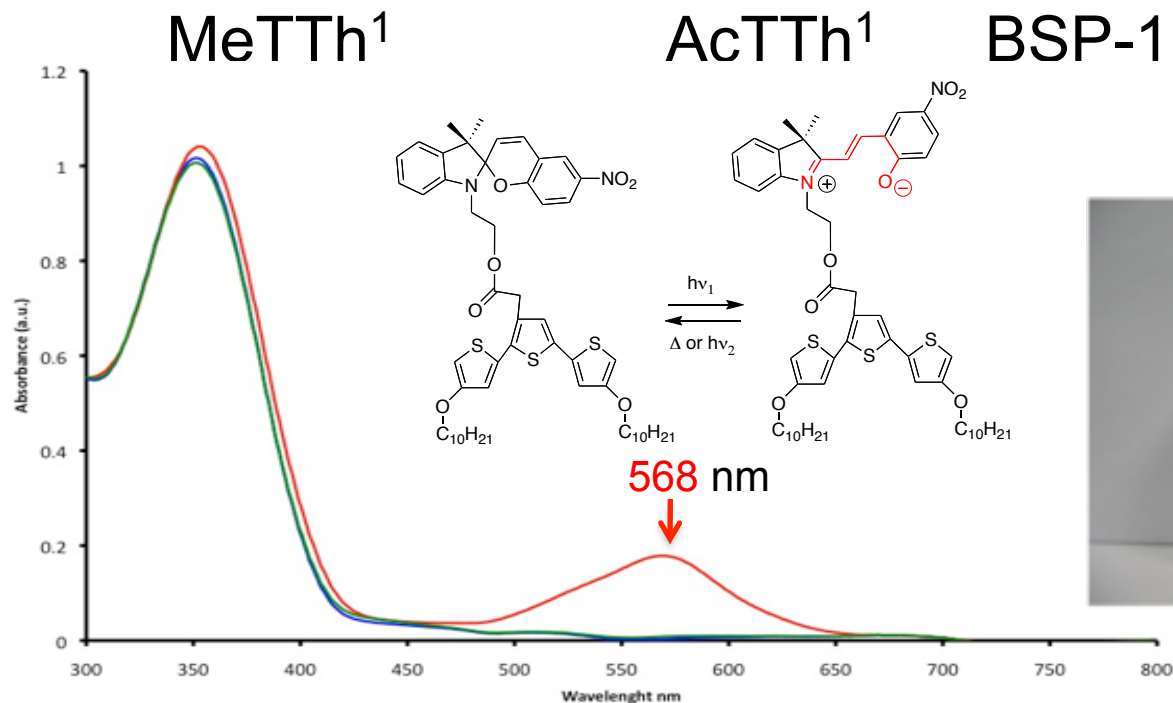
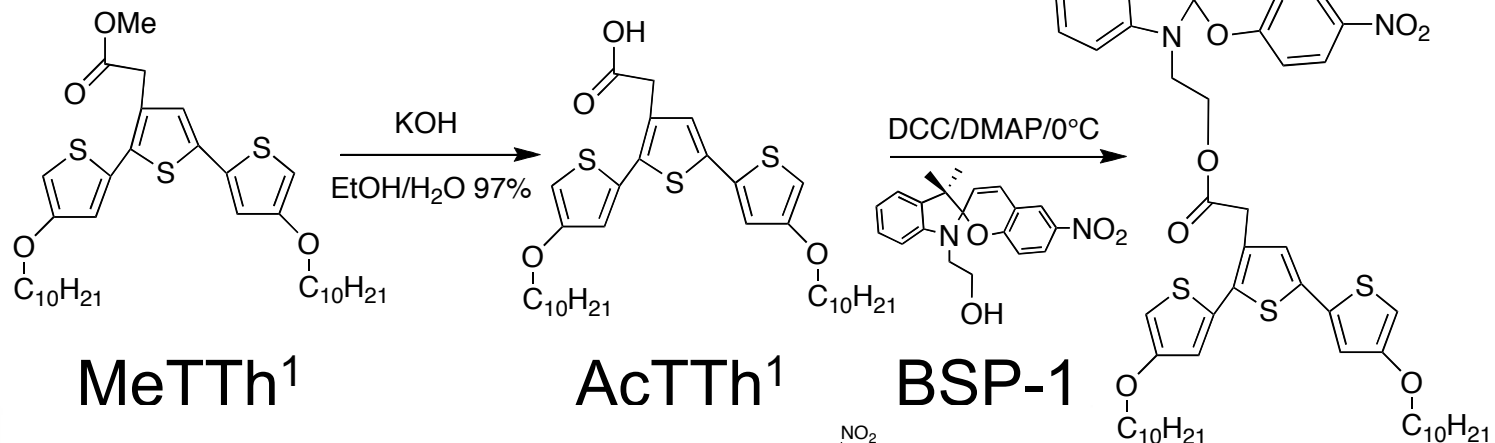
1973 Studies on **PHOTOCOLOURATION**



2011 first synthesis of a **BSP-TTh based DUAL CONTROL** molecule (published on JACS!!!!)

**2011** → **2012??**

# SYNTHESIS of BSP-2

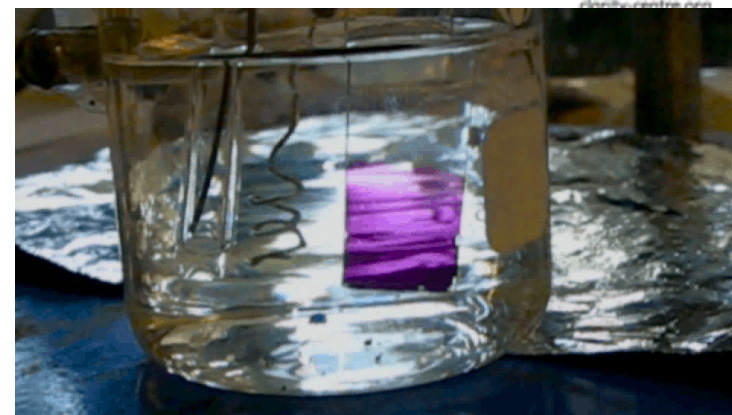
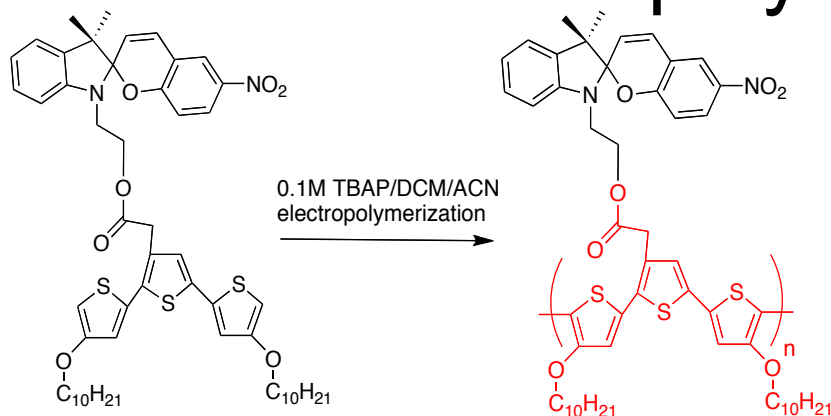


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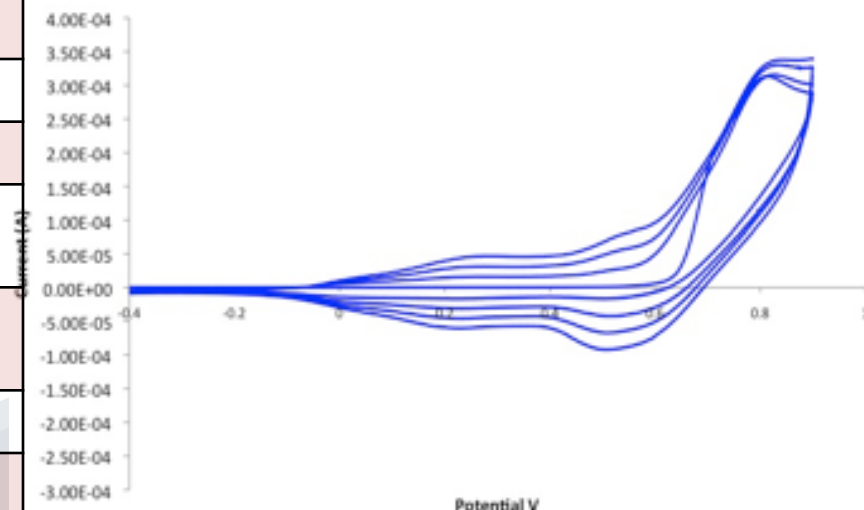
SYNTHESIS and  
PROPERTIES

# Electropolymerisation



Cyclic deposition of p-BSP2 on ITO

Monomer Concentration	8mM solution of monomer in DCM+ACN, 2:3
Electrolyte	0.1M solution of TBAP buffer in DCM +ACN, 2:3
Working electrode	ITO, PET-ITO
Counter electrode	Pt wire
Reference electrode	Ag/AgCl with AgNO <sub>3</sub> 10mM non aqueous.
Scan range	Cyclic deposition From -0.4V to 0.9V
Sensitivity	0.05V per sec
Sweep segments	8

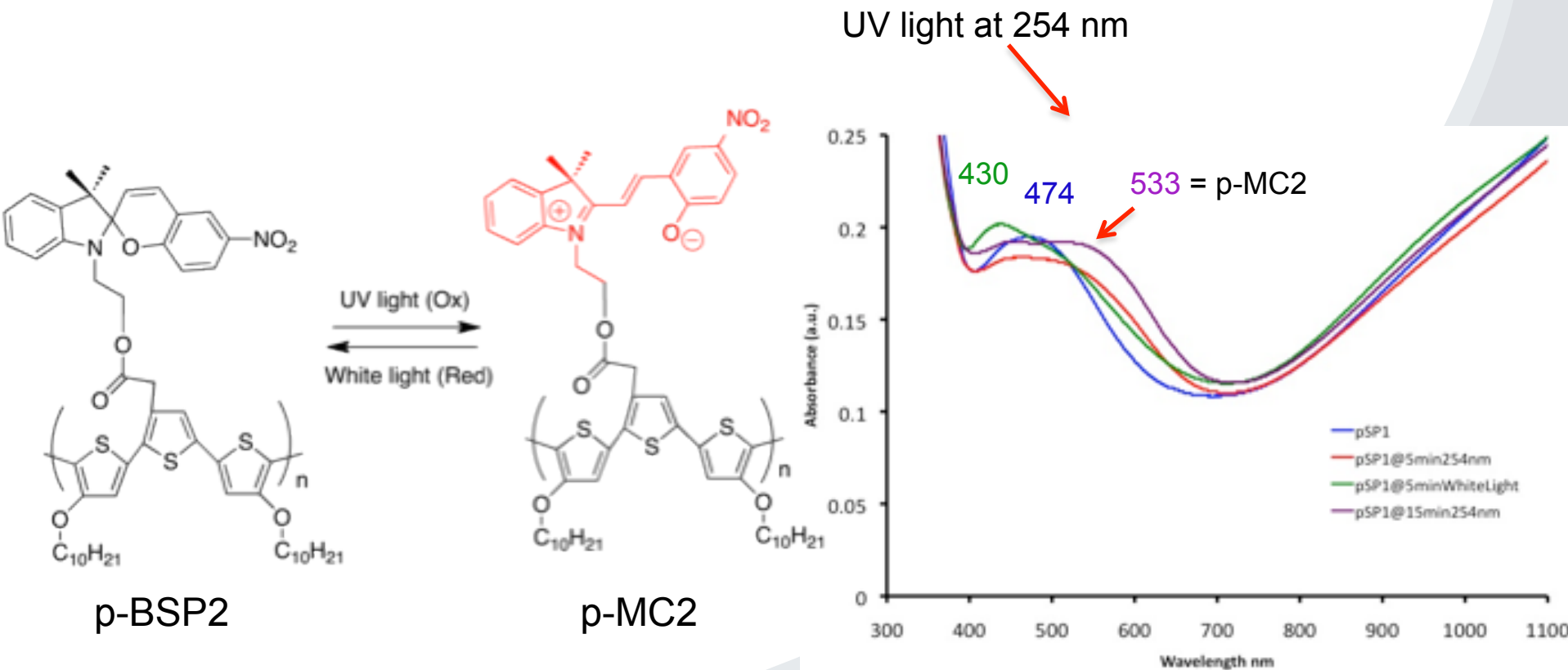


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# Photochemical reversibility of p-BSP2

Exposition of p-BSP2 to different cycles of UV-light at 254nm and White light outside the electrolyte.

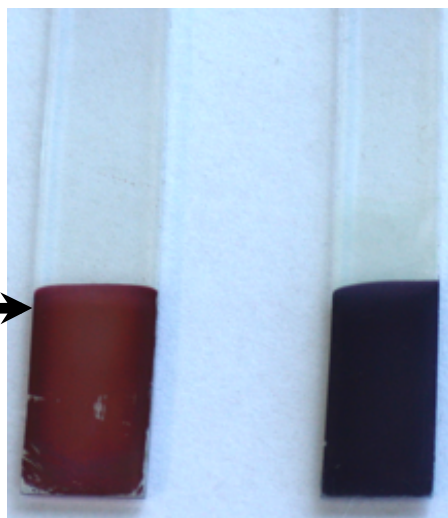


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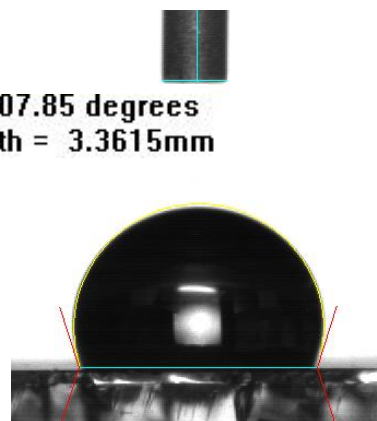
# Reversibility of pBSP2 $\leftrightarrow$ pMC2: analysis with CONTACT ANGLE

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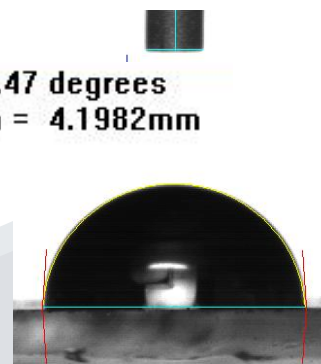


p-BSP2 reduced at -0.4V

p-BSP2 oxidized at 0.8V

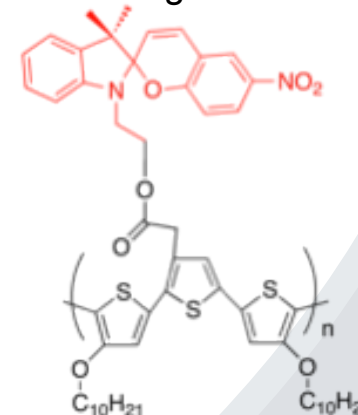


Angle = 107.85 degrees  
Base Width = 3.3615mm

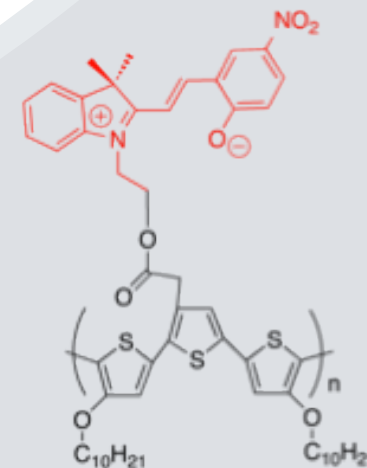


Angle = 86.47 degrees  
Base Width = 4.1982mm

p-BSP2 reduced at -0.4V.  
Contact Angle=107.85deg



p-MC2 oxidized at 0.8V: contact angle=86.47deg

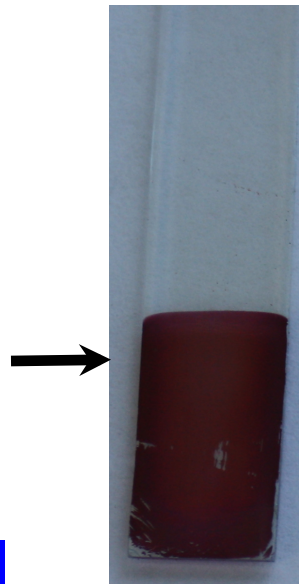


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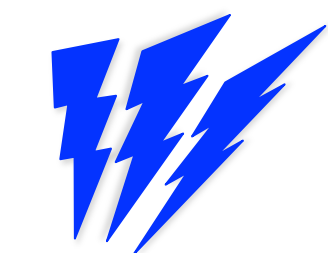


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PHOTOCHEMICAL



p-BSP2 reduced at -0.4V



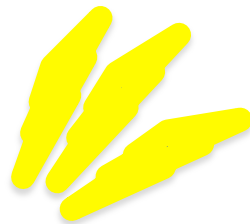
Exposure to 254nm UV light for 10minutes



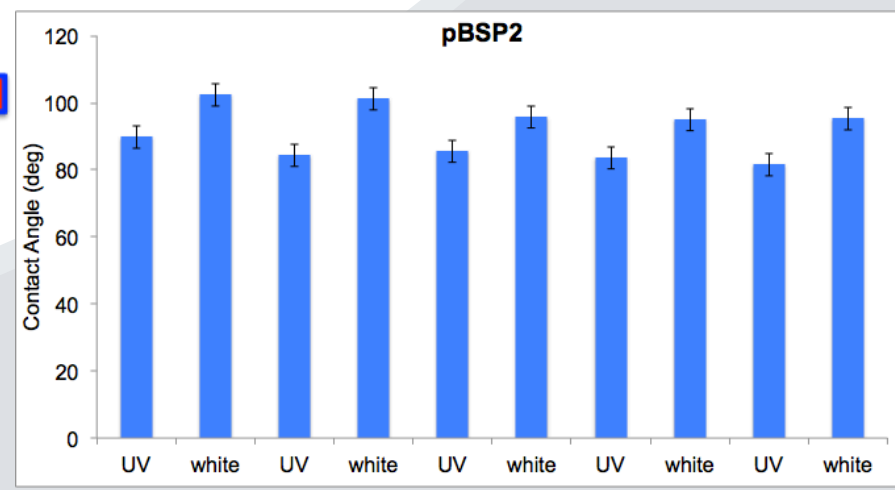
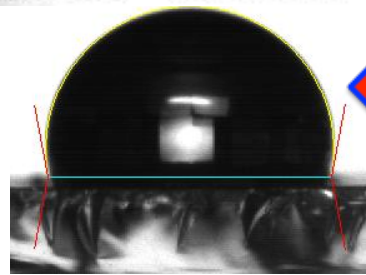
Angle = 82.47 degrees  
Base Width = 4.4796mm



Exposure to white light for 10minutes



Angle = 100.99 degrees  
Base Width = 3.4928mm

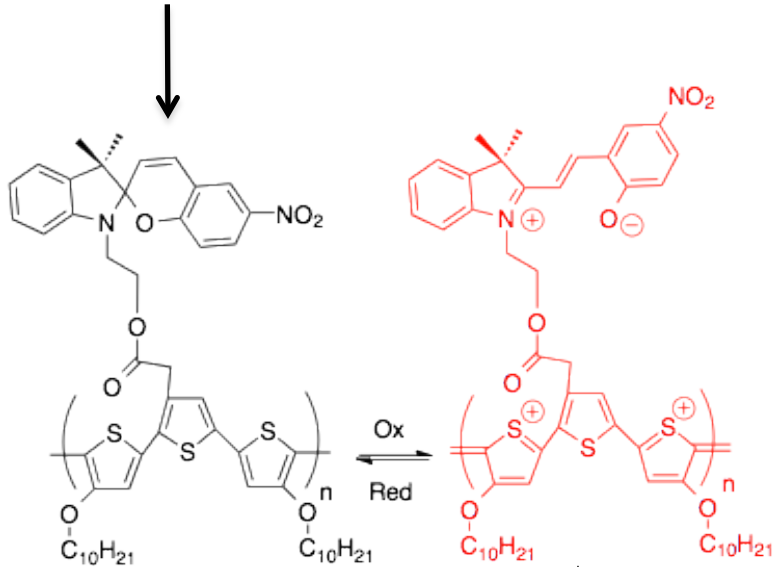


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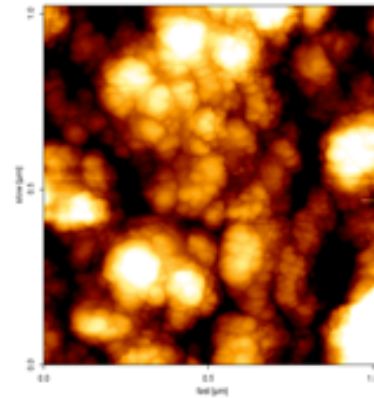
# AFM and SEM measurements

pBSP2 at  
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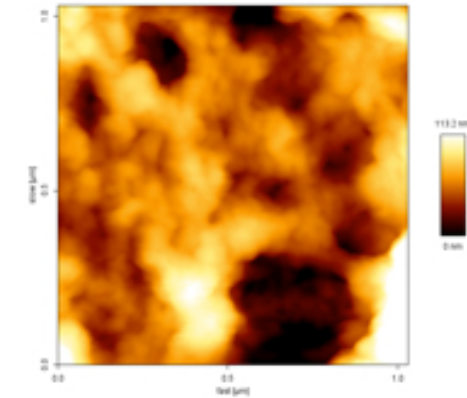
pBSP2 at  
oxidised state

oxidised

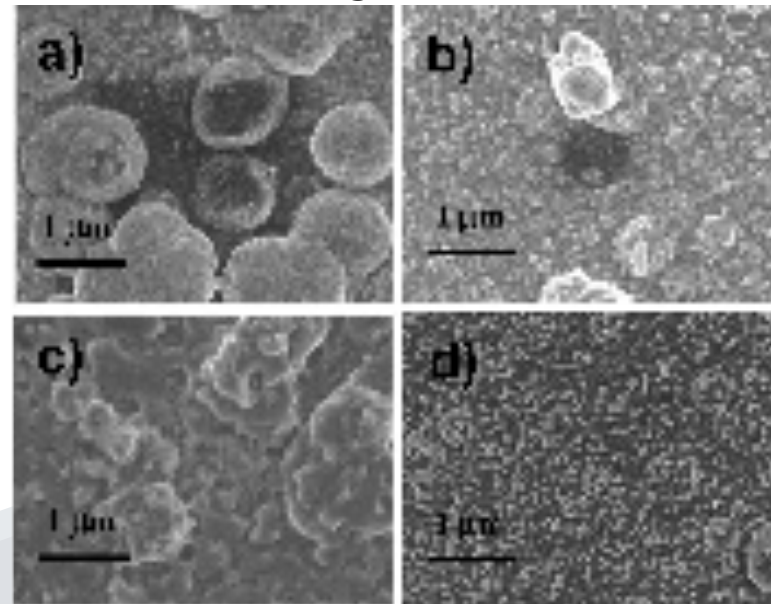


AFM

reduced



SEM

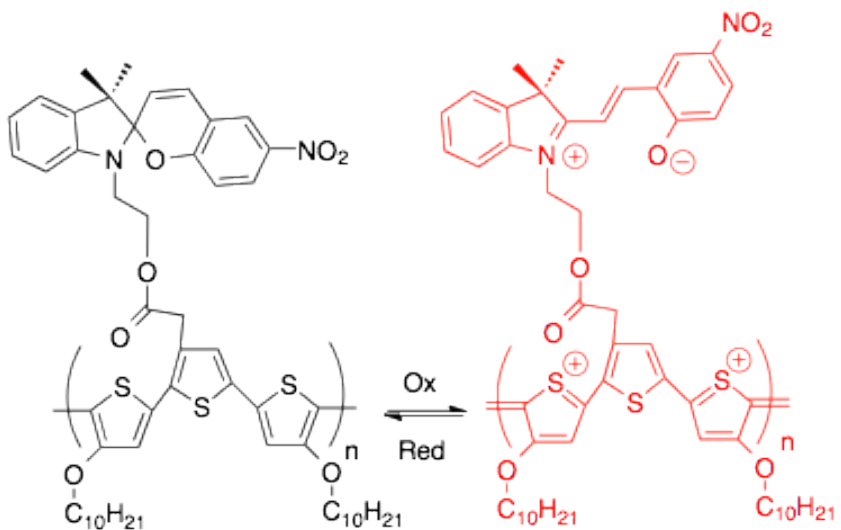


oxidised

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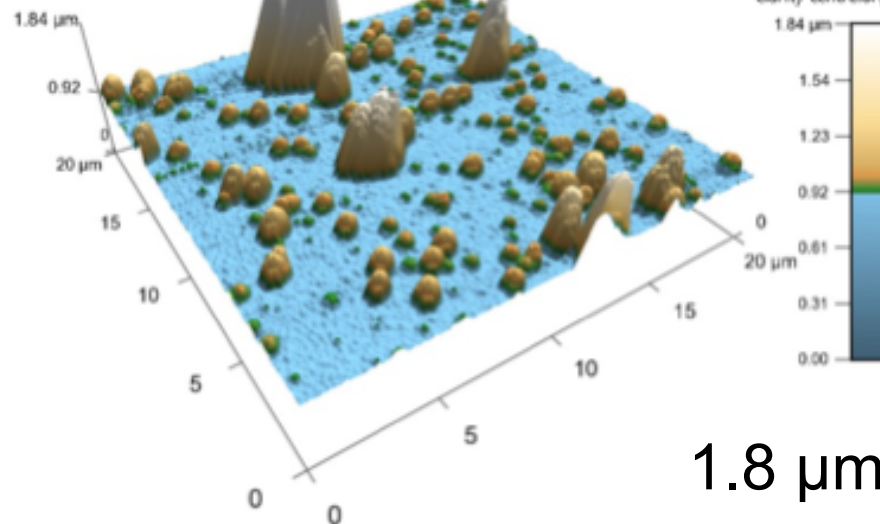
SURFACE PROPERTIES

# AFM Morphology Study

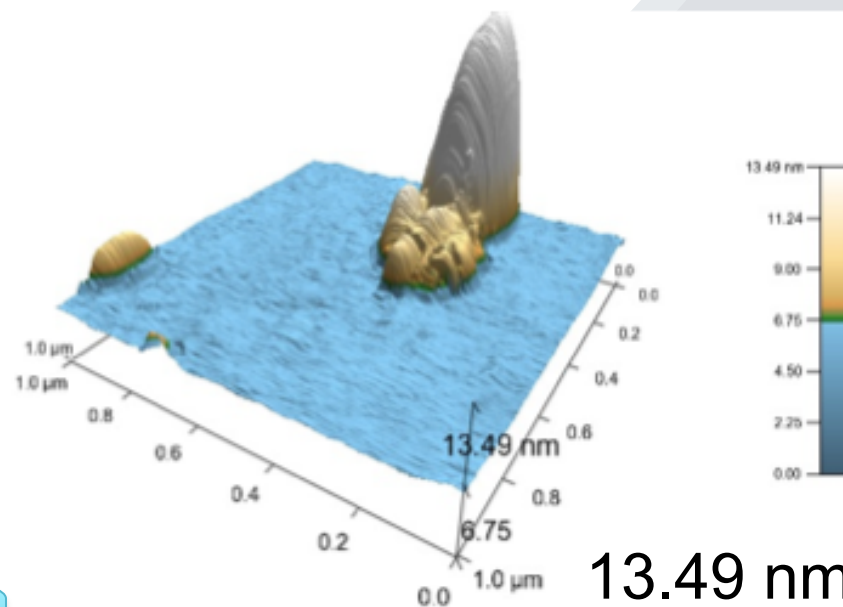


pBSP2 at  
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pBSP2 at  
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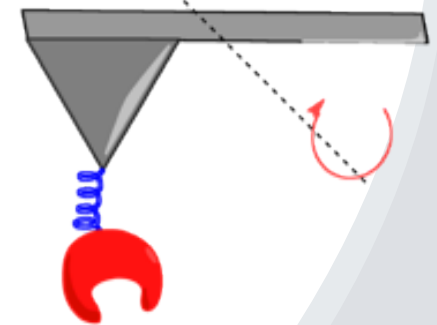
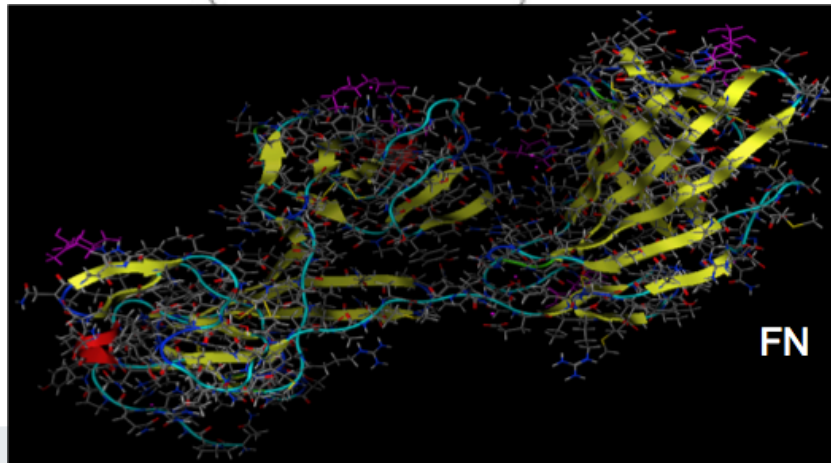
1.8 μm



13.49 nm

SURFACE PROPERTIES

# AFM Cantilever Functionalisation with FN

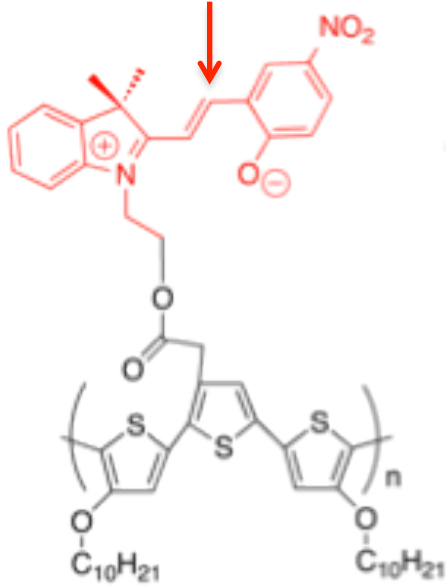


- Gold reflective Nanoworld tips
- Cleaned in plasma cleaner for 5 minutes
- 2 hours in 1% 3-EDSPA solution (in Toluene), then rinsed with toluene and PBS
- 1 hour in GAH solution in PBS and rinsed with PBS
- 1 hour in 10 mg/ml of FN in PBS and rinsed with PBS.
- Stored in PBS in fridge till immediately prior the usage
- Fluorescence spectrum to prove presence of FN
- Calibration

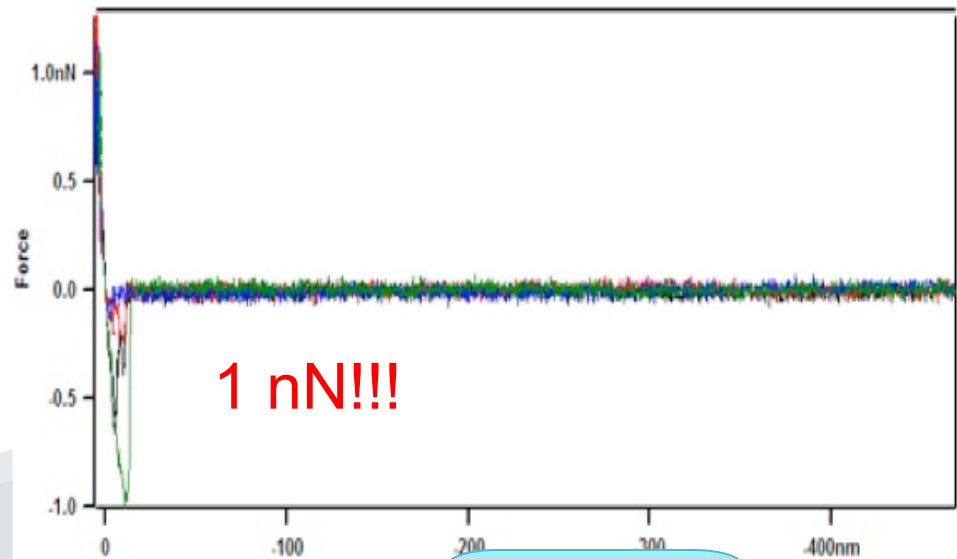
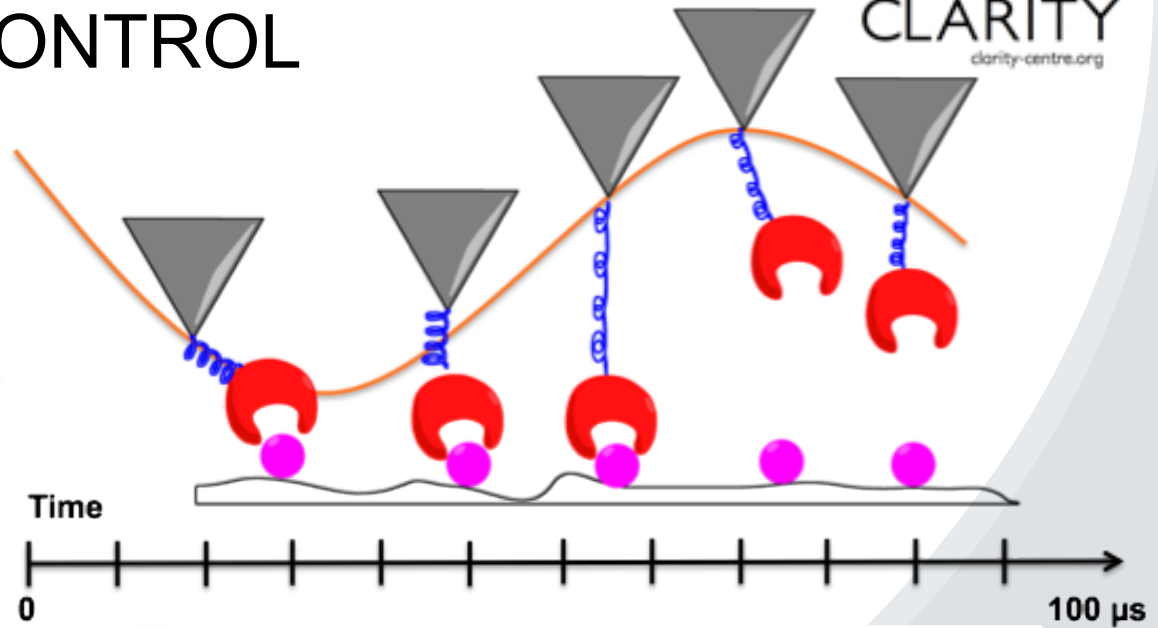
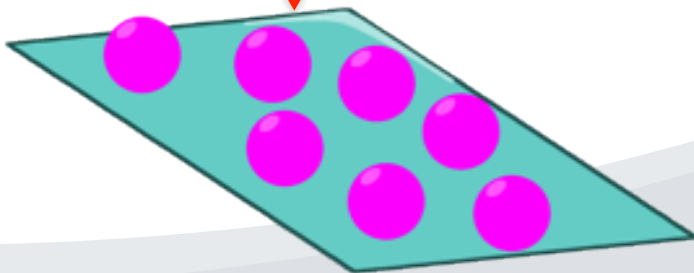
AFM Cantilever  
FUNCTIONALISATION

# p-BSP2 and FN Interaction: PHOTOCHEMICAL CONTROL

Exposure to 254nm UV light for 10 minutes prior the AFM detection



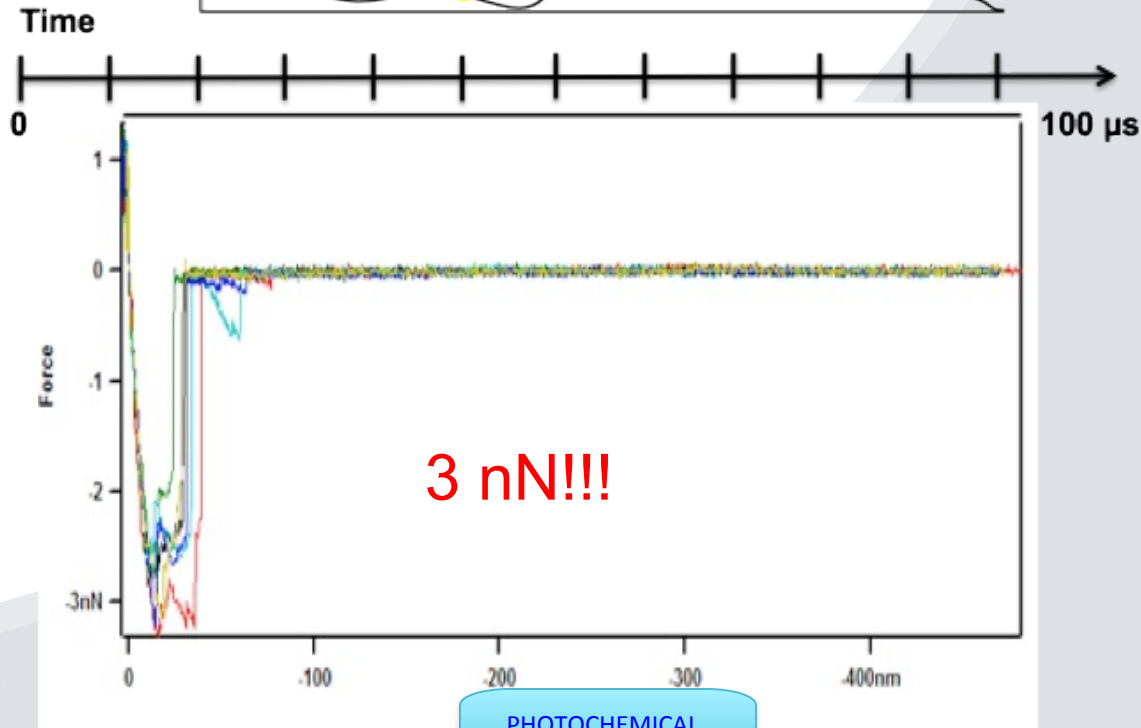
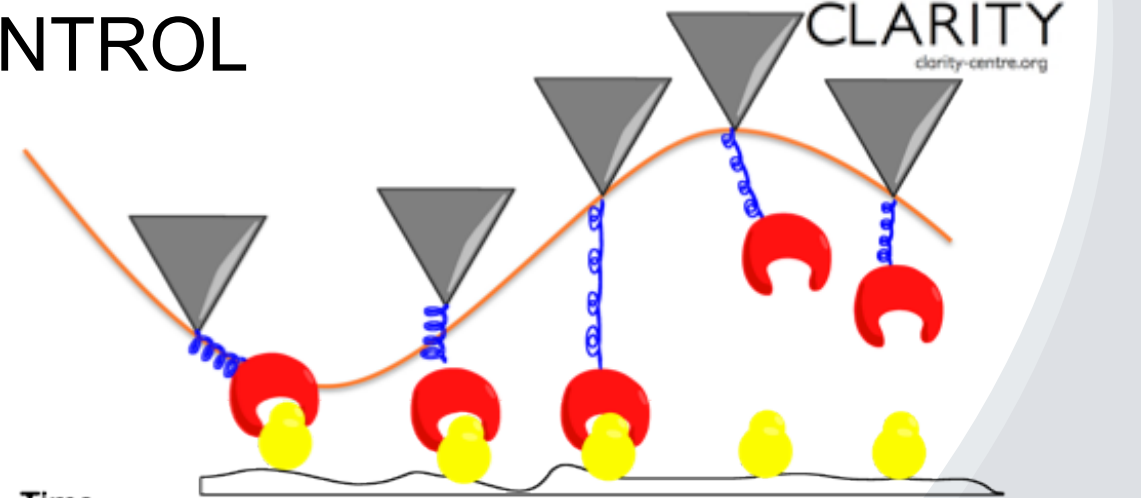
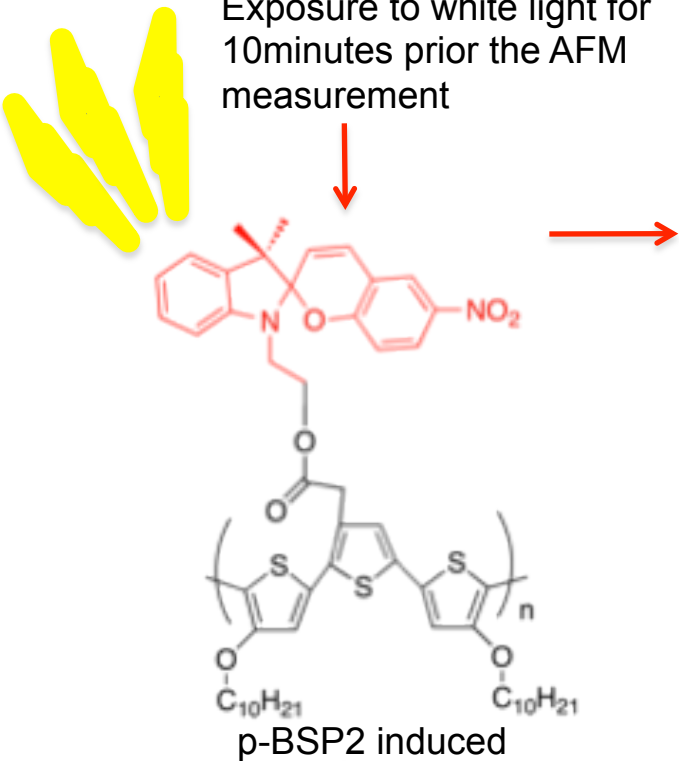
p-MC2 induced



PHOTOCHEMICAL CONTROL

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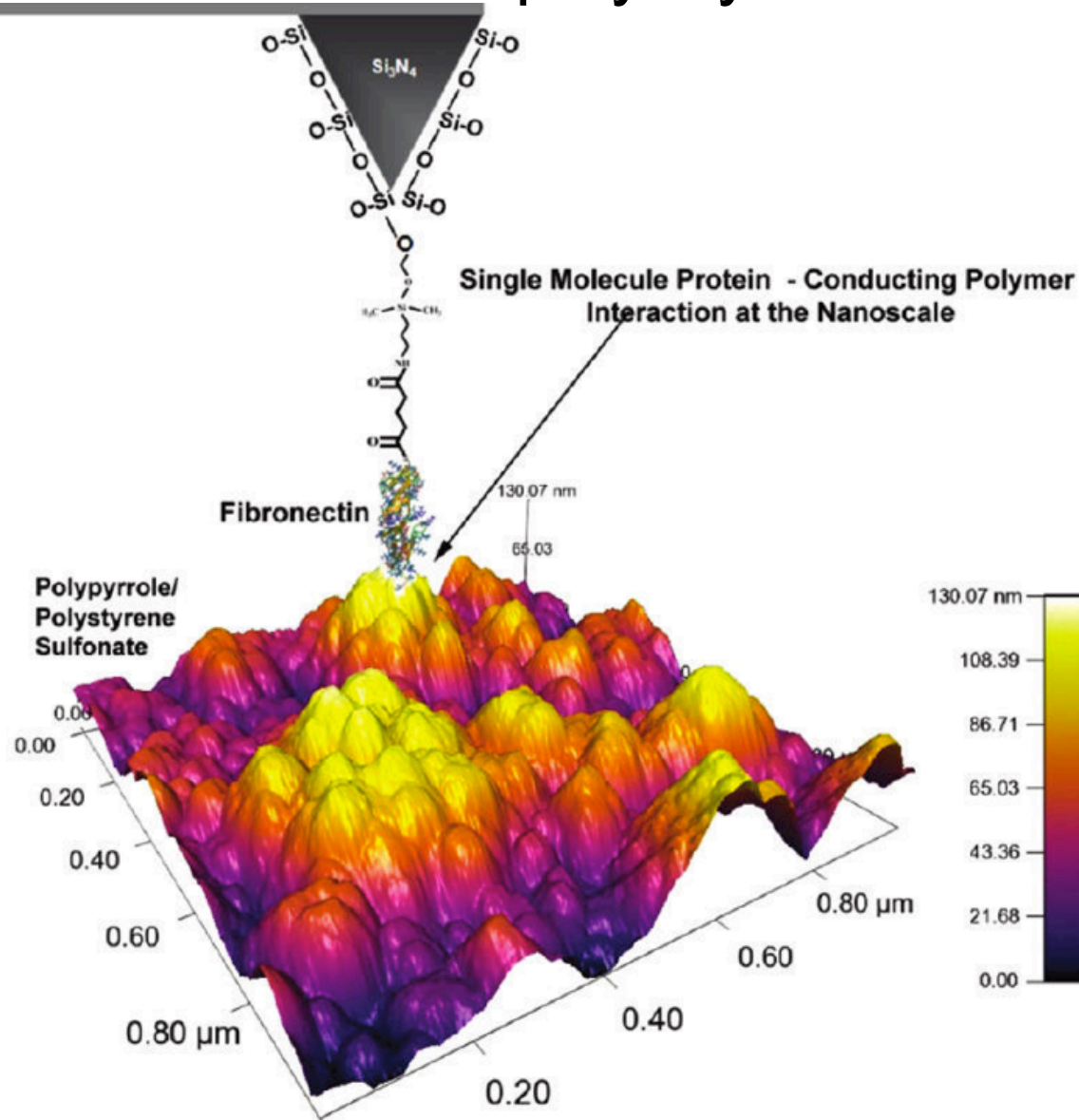
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PHOTOCHEMICAL CONTROL



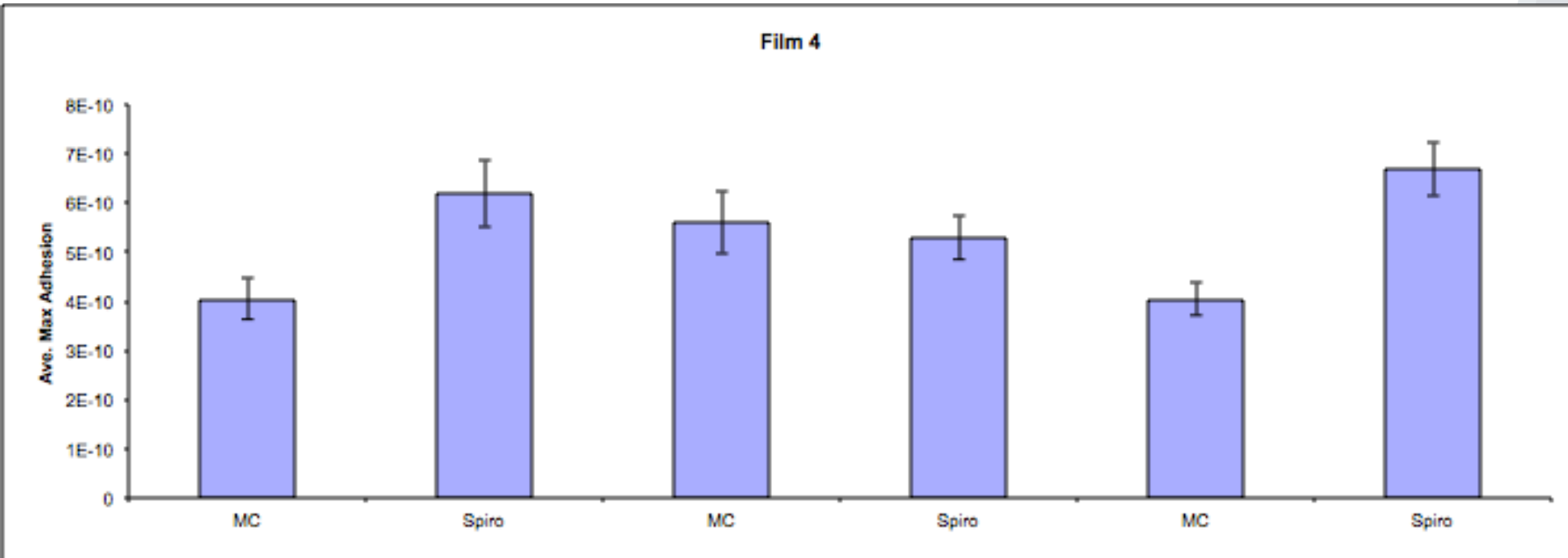
# FN Interaction with poly-Pyrrole



M. Higgins *et al.*, Chem. Mater. 2012, 24, 828-839

PHOTOCHEMICAL  
CONTROL

# p-BSP2 and FN Interaction: PHOTOCHEMICAL CONTROL



	Average Max Adhesion	Std Error
p-BSP2	9.56E-10	6.91E-11
p-MC2	7.73E-10	4.02E-11

PHOTOCHEMICAL  
CONTROL

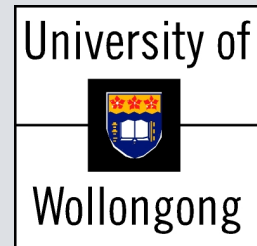


# CONCLUSIONS

- ☑ A New Class of Dual-Control Stimuli Responsive Materials has been Synthesised and Characterised
- ☑ Photo - Electrochromic Properties Have Been Studied
- ☑ p-BSP2 Presents Photo-Actuation and Photo-Reversibility
- p-BSP2 is Able to Generate Lipophilic Interactions with a Fundamental Protein: FN
- The Process is Reversible and Repeatable Over Time

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# AND YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Questions???

